



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES

Tuesday, October 3, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

Willowbank Office Building  
420 Holmes Street, Room 146  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The public meeting of the Centre County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 10:03 AM on October 3, 2017 by Chair of the Board Michael Pipe.

### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In attendance were Commissioner Michael Pipe, Chair; Commissioner Mark Higgins, Vice-Chair; Commissioner Steven G. Dershem; Administrator, Margaret Gray; Deputy Administrator, Natalie Corman; and Executive Secretary, Natalie Bird.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from the news media included Emma Gosalvez, Gary Sinderson, Sarah Rafacz, Sean Yoder, and Jackie Padilla.

County Personnel present included Dave Lomison, Gene Lauri, Bob Jacobs, Matt Milliron, Bryan Sampsel, Ann Marie Oldani, Cathy Arbogast, President Judge Ruest, Kendra Miknis, and Tom Backenstoe.

Visitors present included James McKinley, Donna Preskitt, and Jon Eich.

CNET staff were present.

On behalf of James McKinley, Donna Preskitt read aloud his concerns with the Centre Crest Home. Mr. McKinley has served as an officer with several organizations and has been a resident at Centre Crest for the past 11 years. He feels that care at the home has slipped, they have lost many of their better aids, and administration fails to address many of the human resource concerns. Commissioner Pipe thanked Mr. McKinley for his voicing concerns and the Board will relay them to the administration at Centre Crest as well as the non-profit Board of Directors.

### IV. MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the Board of Commissioners' meeting held Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

V. DRUG COURT GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board welcomed President Judge Ruest, Cathy Arbogast, Gene Lauri, Kendra Miknis, and Tom Backenstoe for an announcement regarding the implementation of a new drug court. The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded a grant to Centre County through their Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$400,000 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. The county is required to provide a match of \$133,493. The funding will be used to implement a new Drug Court within the county. Cathy said the Drug Court would also create two new support staff positions, one in Probation and one in Drug and Alcohol. President Judge Ruest is thrilled to receive the grant; it is a great endeavor and will be a huge benefit to the county. Commissioner Dershem agreed that this would make a difference in our community. Gene said their team has been dedicated to working out all of the details to get this started. The program will help offenders overcome issues and still hold them accountable. Commissioner Pipe commended them, as their teamwork is incredible. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the grant award– Dept. 562.

VI. ACTION ITEM(S)

- A. Proclamation No. 34 of 2017 – Jon Eich and Bob Jacobs spoke to the Board about the importance of community planning. The county Planning office works to make sure communities can preserve the characteristics of where they live and enhance the quality of life. This month the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association will hold its annual statewide conference at the Penn Stater, October 22-24. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved Proclamation No. 34 proclaiming the month of October 2017 as “Community Planning Month” in Centre County.
- B. Commissioner Higgins reported that the check of the week was to Feeser’s Distributors to supply food at the Centre County Correctional Facility. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the check run in the amount of \$700,170.31 dated September 29, 2017.
- C. ABC Appointments - The citizens listed in the table below have offered their time and energy to serve on the indicated board/authority. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the following re-appointments.

ABC	Name	Action	Term
Agricultural Land Preservation Board	Norman Lathbury	Re-Appointment	9/1/17 - 8/31/2020
Agricultural Land Preservation Board	Frederick Moore	Re-Appointment	9/1/17 - 8/31/2020
Agricultural Land Preservation Board	Dennis Buffington	Re-Appointment	9/1/17 - 8/31/2020
Higher Education Authority	David Gray	Re-Appointment	1/1/2018 – 12/31/2022

- D. Criminal Justice Planning – Gene Lauri requested that the Board approves a letter of support to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Centre County Youth Service Bureau's grant application for substance abuse education demand reduction (SAEDR) category 1 funds to implement strategies to combat heroin and opioid overdoses. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the letter of support – Dept. 306.
- E. Transportation – Dave Lomison requested that the Board approves the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) fourth quarter report. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved the MATP fourth quarter report - Dept. 531.
- F. Domestic Relations – Ann Marie Oldani requested that the Board reviews a time stamp maintenance agreement with Widmer Time Recorder Company. The contract total is \$270.00 with the source of funding as follows: Federal \$178.20 and County \$91.80 for the period of August 26, 2017 through August 25, 2018. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 281.
- G. Planning – Matt Milliron requested that the Board reviews a modification to the Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application on behalf of Bellefonte Borough. The proposal is to reallocate \$82,740 in the Borough's entitlement of CDBG funds from fire sprinklers in historic properties to Talleyrand Park safety improvements. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move this item to next week's Consent Agenda – Dept. 817.

- H. Adult Services – Margaret Gray requested that the Board reviews the following items:
- i. Sign as Local Lead Agency on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding Section 811 Housing with Community Resources for Independence for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2022 – Dept. 501.
  - ii. A contract with Housing Transitions to provide Rapid Re-Housing. This program offers rental/security deposit assistance and case management services to homeless individuals/families with the goal of helping them quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. The contract total is \$235,120 which is funded as follows: Federal \$187,896 and County \$47,224 for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 – Dept. 501.

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move items i-ii to next week's Consent Agenda.

- I. MH/ID/EI – Margaret Gray requested that the Board reviews the following items:
- i. Addendum No. 2 with Strawberry Fields, Inc. to allow for funds to reimburse the Service Provider for the provision of early intervention services once additional grant funding is received from the state in the amount of \$40,000. This increases the contract maximum from \$410,000 to \$450,000 with the source of funding is as follows: State \$405,000 and County \$45,000 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 561.
  - ii. A letter of agreement with CARES of Central PA, Inc. to provide intellectual disability services including community participation services. The contract total is \$10,000 with the source of funding as follows: State \$9,539 and County \$461 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 561.
  - iii. A contract renewal with Roxbury Treatment Center to provide drug and alcohol services including non-hospital detoxification, non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation, and non-hospital inpatient rehabilitation co-occurring. The contract total is \$5,000 which is State funded for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 562.
  - iv. A contract renewal with White Deer Run, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol services including detoxification and inpatient treatment for adult and adolescent clients diagnosed with addiction, halfway house services, and drug and alcohol partial hospitalization services to adult men and women. The contract total is \$160,000 which is funded as follows: Federal \$24,000 and State \$136,000 for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 – Dept. 562.

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board voted unanimously to move items i-iv to next week's Consent Agenda.

- J. Commissioners – Margaret Gray requested that the Board consider a letter in support of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corporation in its application to host Amazon's second North American Headquarters. As Centre County does not reach the criteria requirements to host the headquarters, it was the Board's consensus to support the application. Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved a letter of support.

#### VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Following a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items A-C.

- A. MH/ID/EI – Request that the Board reviews Addendum No. 3 with Cen-Clear Child Services Inc. to increase the primary allocation to allow for the provision of additional early intervention services in the amount of \$9,000, increasing the contract maximum from \$27,000 to \$36,000. The contract is funded as follows: State \$32,400 and County \$3,600 for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 – Dept. 561.
- B. Planning – Request that the Board reviews a contract addendum with Pashek & MTR to provide professional services on the Bellefonte to Milesburg Trail Study. The addendum would extend the study completion date from January 31, 2018 to April 1, 2018 at no additional cost – Dept. 151
- C. Court Administration – Request that the Board reviews a contract renewal with Pitney Bowes for a mailing machine in the State College 1 (Fraser Street) Magisterial District Judge's office. The contract is for \$263.61 monthly for a total of \$15,816.60 for the period of September 30, 2017 through September 30, 2022 – Dept. 251.

#### VIII. PRESENTATION

Justin Hollabaugh, the owner of Fire-Pit BBQ, is a tenant at the Philipsburg Business Incubator. Fire-Pit BBQ produces BBQ sauces with locally sourced ingredients from produce markets and the Amish community. The sauces will be available for purchase online and at local farmers markets. Justin presented the Commissioners with a sample of smoked chicken and sausage as well as pork cooked in his Thai Coconut Sauce with a side of Maple BBQ Smoked Ketchup. For additional information about Fire-Pit BBQ or if you would like to contact Justin, please visit his Facebook page Fire-Pit BBQ.

#### IX. RECOGNITIONS

X. C-NET REQUESTS

XI. REPORTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Commissioner Dershem reported there are 107,578 registered voters in Centre County. The featured precinct this week is Patton Township #64 with 2,185 registered voters. In the Municipal Primary, they had 395 ballots cast with a 18.08% voter turnout.

B. Announcements

XII. Margaret Gray announced that the Board would meet in executive session following this meeting.

XIII. PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 5, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

EBT – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Tuesday, October 8, 2017

BOC Meeting – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 12, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

BOC Meeting– 10:00 AM – Room 146WB

EBT – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

Thursday, October 19, 2017

BOC/Salary Board – 10:00 AM – Room 146WB AS NEEDED

Retirement Board – 11:00 AM – Room 146WB

XIV. ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Last day to REGISTER before the November election.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, November 3, 2017

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

XV. QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS

XVI. The meeting moved into executive session at 11:00 AM following a motion made by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dershem, and unanimously approved by the Board. Executive session was adjourned at 11:28 AM.

ATTEST:

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Margaret N. Gray  
Administrator